In other 21 operational CPSEs in the Department, due to sickness and poor financial conditions, board level vacancies are not being filled. However, as and when such Company's revival plans are approved, positions of Independent Directors are proposed to be filled up on a case-to-case basis.

Recovery of dues from private airlines

*226. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the private airlines owe huge sum of money to Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether interest is being charged for the period of default;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to realise the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of outstanding dues from various private airlines as on 31.3.2006 are as follows (in lakhs of Rupees):—

Air Deccan-2609.21, Air Sahara-1013.97, Blue Dart Aviation-64.96, Continental Aviation Pvt. Ltd.-146.83, Cosmic Air Pvt. Ltd.-26.35, East West Airlines-1183.46, East West Travels & Trade Links Pvt. Ltd.-310.85, Elbee Airlines Ltd.-83.88, Go Air-119.20, Jet Airways-2363.24, Kingfisher Airlines-1328.90, Mesco Airlines-46.30, NEPC Airlines-308.25, Paramount-18.46, Skyline NEPC Airlines-150.49, Span Air-37.46, Spice Jet-234.43, U.P. Airways-33.38, VIF Airways-17.98, Others-438.24, Total-10535.84

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Interest charged for the period of default from private airlines on delay in payment of bills/settlement (in lakhs of Rupees) is as follows:

Air Deccan-145.36, Kingfisher Airlines-18.72, Jet Airways-13.88, Sahara Airlines-1.87, Spice Jet-0.32, Paramount Airways-0.17, Go Air-0.10.

(e) Dues are monitored regularly by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and action through legal/arbitration/Public Premises Eviction (PPE) Act is taken wherever necessary. Besides, interest is levied for overdue

period on defaulting airlines. The security deposit is suitably increased based on the operations.

Allocation of natural gas to Andhra Pradesh

*227. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the quantities of oil and natural gas found so far in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) what are the quantities allocated to the State Government and the State industries;

(c) what are the quantities exploited so far; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide a fixed allocation of these two resources to the State?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) The new oil and gas reserves accretion in the State of Andhra Pradesh by ONGC during the last 2 years is as under:

	Oil (MMT)	Gas (BCM)
2004-05	0.64	2.20
2005-06	0.03	0.83
TOTAL	0.67	3.03

MMT - Million Metric Tonnes

BCM - Billion Cubic Metres

As on 1.4.2006, total ultimate reserves established by ONGC since inception in Andhra Pradesh were 6.54 MMT of crude oil and 59.95 BCM of natural gas.

(b) and (d) Crude oil is not allocated but supplied to various refineries in the country on agreed terms and conditions between the producers and refineries. As regards gas, while the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) gas has been allocated by the Government to various consumers, non-APM gas is supplied to the consumers on market considerations. Against an allocation of 16.42 Million Standard Cubic Metres per day (MMSCMD) of APM gas in Andhra Pradesh, at present the supplies are around 6.1 MMSCMD.